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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Ohio company puts gun plant in South Carolina

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131017/BUSINESS/310170028/Ohio-company-puts-gun-plant-South-Carolina>

Tim Smith

An Ohio-based firearms manufacturer is locating in the Myrtle Beach area. Ithaca Gun company will invest \$6.7 million to create 120 high-skilled jobs, to include machine operators, gunsmiths, engineers and assemblers, according to Gov. Nikki Haley's office. Ithaca will construct a new 20,000-square-foot facility at Horry County's Cool Springs Business Park located near Aynor, S.C. Production is expected to be underway in 2014. Factors that contributed to the company's site selection included the quantity and quality of the area labor force, proximity to technical colleges for training workers in Conway and Florence and quality of life, according to Haley's office.

Note: "South Carolina continues to recruit manufacturing jobs to our state," Haley said. "We welcome Ithaca Gun Company to Horry County, and applaud their decision to invest over \$6 million and create 120 new jobs along the Grand Strand."

Area Development: Ithaca Gun Company Invests \$6.7 Million To Expand Manufacturing To Aynor, South Carolina

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/10-17-2013/ithaca-gun-company-manufacturing-expansion-aynor-south-carolina123893.shtml>

Ithaca Gun Company, a firearms manufacturer, will invest \$6.7 million to expand its manufacturing to the Myrtle Beach area, with plans to construct a new 20,000-square-foot facility at Horry County's Cool Springs Business Park located near Aynor, South Carolina. The firm plans, hire machine operators, gunsmiths, engineers and assemblers, creating 120 jobs. Production is expected to be underway in 2014.

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Sun News: Haley in town next week to meet with Myrtle Beach area constituents

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2013/10/17/3778253/haley-in-town-next-week-to-meet.html>

Maya T. Prabhu

Local residents who would like to share their thoughts or concerns with Gov. Nikki Haley will have an opportunity Monday during a one-on-one constituent meeting. The governor will be in town at 11 a.m. Monday to meet with Myrtle Beach area constituents who would like to voice any issues they see impacting the area or the state. Those interested should call 803-734-2100 on Friday between 9 and 9:30 a.m. to schedule an appointment, which are first-come, first-served. Meetings will be held at the Myrtle Beach Area of Commerce, 1200 N. Oak St., in Myrtle Beach.

Florence Morning News: Florence 1 schools participate in earthquake drill

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_a5c341c2-373a-11e3-aec3-0019bb30f31a.html

Students took cover in their classrooms Thursday morning as Florence School District 1 schools participated in Earthquake Awareness Week. Teachers, staff and students took part in the drill and activities in order to prepare them for an earthquake. Officials say 11 earthquakes have been confirmed in South Carolina this year. Geologists at the College of Charleston say there are typically 10 to 20 earthquakes annually in the state. Gov. Nikki Haley issued a statewide proclamation designating Sunday through Saturday as Earthquake Awareness Week.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: Debt deal divides S.C. delegation

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20131017/NEWS/310160083/Debt-deal-divides-S-C-delegation>

Mary Orndorff Troyan

South Carolina's senators were divided Wednesday over the bipartisan deal to end the shutdown of the federal government and avoid defaulting on the nation's debt. Late Wednesday night, Congress approved a deal to reopen the government through Jan. 15, suspend the debt ceiling until Feb. 7 and start long-term budget negotiations. President Barack Obama promised to sign the measure as soon as it reaches his desk. Sen. Lindsey Graham on Tuesday was still holding out for a provision to end the employer-provided subsidy for members of Congress to purchase health insurance on the new exchanges under the Affordable Care Act. But by Wednesday he decided to settle for the deal negotiated by leaders of both parties that made no major changes to the health care law.

Associated Press: Black Republican opposing Clyburn in 6th District

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=SDOx9M4S

Bruce Smith

For the first time since 2000, a black Republican is running in South Carolina's black-majority 6th Congressional District for the seat Jim Clyburn has held more than two decades. "The timing is right," the Rev. Leon Winn, a Baptist minister with a church in Manning, told The Associated Press this week. "The people who first put Congressman Clyburn in office are in their 70s. You have a generation from 18 to 49 that is really disenchanted." Clyburn, the first black congressman to represent the state since Reconstruction and who serves as the assistant Democratic leader in the U.S. House, last faced a black Republican opponent in 2000 when he easily defeated Vince Ellison and a third party candidate.

Associated Press: SC money races close for superintendent, Lt. gov.

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=nJ6w4KNg

Seanna Adcox

The latest campaign filings show that South Carolina's lieutenant governor and education superintendent face tough challenges in 2014. Democratic state Rep. Mike Anthony raised more than twice as much as Superintendent Mick Zais in the third quarter and had more cash available. Anthony had \$19,200 in cash as of Sept. 30. Zais had \$13,200 in cash, but the Republican schools chief owes \$45,600 from 2010. A second Democrat has announced plans to run but hasn't filed a campaign report. Republican Lt. Gov. Glenn McConnell faces challengers in both parties. The bulk of his \$259,000 available was transferred from his Senate campaign account.

Associated Press: SC court declines to stop Florence County tax vote

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=x57Kaa23

South Carolina's high court won't stop an upcoming vote on extending Florence County's penny sales tax. The state Supreme Court on Thursday said that it would not issue an injunction to stop the referendum that is now scheduled for Nov. 5. Florence County had been fighting a lawsuit filed by the state Attorney General's Office and the state Department of Revenue. Those agencies sued the county, saying that its proposed referendum to extend the penny sales tax is illegal. The proposal would extend the tax for another seven years after the current tax expires in April 2014. Justices heard arguments in the case on Oct. 1 and ruled that local officials' actions were permitted under state tax laws.

Florence Morning News: Penny tax to remain on ballot, SC Supreme Court says

http://www.scnow.com/news/local/article_28963d78-3760-11e3-873c-0019bb30f31a.html

The South Carolina Supreme Court ruled Thursday, October 17, 2013, in favor of keeping the penny sales tax referendum on the November 5 ballot. The court released this response, stating, "The Court denied Petitioner's request that it declare a proposed tax referendum invalid under the Capital Project Sales Tax, sections 4-10-300 to -380 of the South Carolina Code, and enjoin the Respondents from placing the proposed referendum on the ballot at the November 5, 2013, county elections."

Post and Courier: Back in business, federal agencies reopen after shutdown ends

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131017/PC16/131019486/1006/back-in-business-federal-agencies-reopen-after-shutdown-ends>

Natalie Caula

Brent Everitt glared toward the beaming sunlight Thursday morning as the "Spirit of South Carolina" pulled away from the dock in Charleston's Harbor on its first trip to Fort Sumter in 16 days. Everitt snapped a few

photos on his phone as the boat took off. It's probably something he's seen hundreds of times, but this one particular take-off was special for the park's ranger. He got word in the morning from his supervisor that the parks — Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie and the Charles Pinckney Historic Site — were back in business after being closed for three weeks due to a partial federal government shutdown. Everitt, of Sullivan's Island, who worked through the shutdown at the fort's museum building, said it was a relief to open the doors again.

Post and Courier: Will you have to give up your favorite doctor or hospital?

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131016/PC16/131019527/1006/will-you-have-to-give-up-your-favorite-doctor-or-hospital>

Lauren Sausser

Lowcountry residents shopping for a new health insurance plan with coverage starting Jan. 1 may be forced to choose between their preferred insurance company and their preferred doctor or hospital. That's because individual plans purchased through the new federal health insurance marketplace, and even some plans bought outside the marketplace, will have fewer in-network providers than many patients are accustomed to. Here's an example — neither Medical University Hospital nor Roper St. Francis Healthcare are included in the provider networks for new individual policies offered by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, the largest private insurer in the state.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Many Charlestonians at DOT Commission meetings on I-526 completion

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20131017/PC16/131019492/1006/>

Diane Knich

Many Charlestonians have arrived at the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission meetings, where the group today will discuss the completion of Interstate 526. Representatives from the opposition group Nix 526, Charleston County Council members and staffers, state Rep. Leon Stavrinakis and Bryan Derreberry and Stuart Whiteside, from the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, are seated in the Greenville County Council Chambers. The agendas include presentations from Elliott Summey, Charleston County Council's vice chairman, who supports the project, and Robin Welch from Nix 526, who is opposed to it.

Anderson Independent: Center to study STEM career-development program

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/2013/oct/17/center-study-stem-career-development-program/>

Clemson University's Charles H. Houston Center for the Study of the Black Experience in Education, in partnership with Fayetteville State University, has been awarded a \$349,697 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the effects of a STEM career-development program. "The research project is designed to study the impact of a career-development program on STEM students' career orientations and employment outcomes," said Lamont A. Flowers, executive director of the Charles H. Houston Center. Flowers will use a quasi-experimental research design to investigate the impact of the STEM career-development program on student outcomes. The research is titled Advancing Interest and Motivation for STEM Careers.

Island Packet: Groups seeking more 'bed-tax' money from Hilton Head

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/16/2741433/groups-seeking-more-bed-tax-money.html#storylink=cpy>

Tom Barton

Arts, cultural and tourism groups are lining up for money from Hilton Head Island's accommodations-tax revenues, and many are asking for more than they received last year. The town has received 28 applications for grants generated by taxes on overnight lodging, the same as last year, but applicants are asking for a total of 50 percent more -- \$3.6 million versus about \$2.4 million. The town expects revenues from the tax to be up slightly from last year, deputy finance director Bret Martin said. Competition for grants again will be stiff, said town bed-tax advisory committee chairman Robert Stenhammer. He suggested that the state increase the lodging tax.

National News:

Associated Press: After shutdown, government moves back to business

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_289563/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=ecd3wAjo

David Crary and Jessica Gresko

Barriers came down at federal memorials and National Park Service sites and thousands of furloughed

federal workers - relieved but wary - returned to work across the country Thursday after 16 days off the job due to the partial government shutdown. Among the sites reopening were Yosemite National Park in California, the Smithsonian Institution's network of popular museums, and the World War II memorial in Washington, which had been the scene of protests over the shutdown.

Associated Press: Booker wins NJ Senate seat, says he's 'a scrapper'

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Kati Zezima and Angela Delli Santi

U.S. senator-elect Cory Booker said Thursday he's ready to go to Washington and is not afraid if he "breaks dishes" trying to serve his constituents in New Jersey. Booker, 44, the Democratic mayor of Newark, made the rounds on the morning talk shows a day after defeating Republican Steve Lonegan. His win came after an aggressive two-month race to finish the term of Sen. Frank Lautenberg, who died in office in June at age 89. Booker said he wants to channel Americans' frustration with Congress into energy for change.

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